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Coatesville VA Medical Center Celebrates Nurses Week

Coatesville, PA – May 20th, 2009 – From May 6th through May 13th, nurses at the Coatesville VA Medical Center were honored during National Nurses Week. The festivities included appreciation gifts and several planned activities.

The week-long celebration culminated on May 13th with an awards ceremony featuring a guest speaker, CDR. James F. Armstrong; he delivered a moving presentation about nurses in war. Rosemary T. Wharton, associate director for Patient Care Services, was honored for her contributions to the medical center throughout her career here. Ms. Wharton then presented awards to nurses for excellence in the following areas: as a registered nurse, licensed practical nurse and nursing assistant, as well as in administrative efficiency, clinical efficiency, quality improvement, customer satisfaction, patient safety, perfect attendance, military service, bar code medication administration, perfect attendance and special recognition. She also recognized CVAMC's nominee for the Secretary's Award for Nursing Excellence.

About the Coatesville Veterans Affairs Medical Center

Coatesville Veterans Affairs Medical Center is an integrated health care system dedicated to providing the best in care and services to our Veterans. CVAMC offers mental health care, primary care, geriatrics and extended care, specialty and women's health care, and pharmacy and social work services to both inpatients and outpatients. CVAMC operates community based outpatient clinics in Springfield and Spring City, PA. The medical center serves Veterans in 53 counties in Pennsylvania, Maryland and Delaware. For more information, visit www.coatesville.va.gov or call 610-384-7711 or 1-800-290-6172.

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